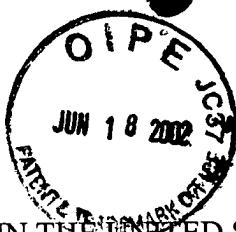


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 5) mailed May 8, 2002. The response is submitted on or before June 8, 2002, making this a timely response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68950-2/RMS/DCF/KJC).

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has restricted the claims to group I (claims 1-12 and 15-26), group II (claims 1 and 13), and group III (claim 14).

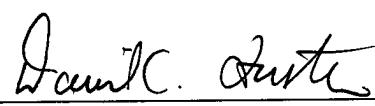
Applicants are unclear as to the reason why the Examiner has restricted claim 1 to both group I and group II. Claim 1 is directed to an array composition, not an apparatus.

Applicants elect without traverse group I, (claims 1-12 and 15-26), drawn to an array composition and method of making the array composition, classified in class 435, subclass 288.4 for further prosecution. Claims 13 and 14 have been cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice as being drawn to the non-elected invention. An appendix showing the current pending claims is attached herewith for the Examiner's convenience. A version showing changes made is also appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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